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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, KE, US

SUBJECT: GOK REQUEST FOR LETTER OF OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE
FOR SQUADRON OF F-5E/F AIRCRAFT

REF: A) NAIROBI 2277, B) NAIROBI 2171, C) STATE 41704,
D) STATE 48492

1. INFORMATION PROVIDED REFTEL A IS ADEQUATE FOR PREPARATION (WHICH HAS BEGUN) OF LETTER OF OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE (LOA). USAF ESTIMATES MAXIMUM OF 60 DAYS NEEDED FOR LOA PREPARATION, BUT WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT PREPARE IT IN SHORTER TIME. 60 DAYS DOES NOT INCLUDE STATUTORY 20-DAY CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW PERIOD, BUT IT MAY BE POSSIBLE FOR GOK TO RECEIVE COPY OF UNSIGNED LOA SHORTLY AFTER IT HAS BEEN SENT TO CONGRESS. LOA CANNOT BE SIGNED UNTIL AFTER EXPIRATION OF 20-DAY PERIOD.

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2. USAF PLANS HAVE SURVEY/BRIEFING TEAM DELIVER UNSIGNED LOA TO NAIROBI AT APPROPRIATE TIME AFTER CONGRESS HAS BEEN PROVIDED COPY OF LOA. DETAILS OF TEAM VISIT WILL BE SENT CLOSER TO DATE OF LOA'S DELIVERY.

3. DEPARTMENT IS CONCERNED OVER APPARENT MISUNDERSTANDING ON PART OF GOK, AS EVIDENCED IN PARA 5 REFTEL A, THAT USG HAS MADE QUOTE COMMITMENT UNQUOTE TO PROVIDE GOK WITH DOLS.45 MILLION FMS CREDIT ASSISTANCE THROUGH FY 1979. DURING DISCUSSIONS WITH GOK DELEGATION IN WASHINGTON, WE REPEATEDLY STRESSED THAT DOLS. 45 MILLION WAS PLANNING FIGURE - AN AMOUNT WHICH WE HOPED TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE TO KENYA, BUT THAT IT WAS NOT RPT NOT A MULTI-YEAR COMMITMENT ON PART OF USG, AND THAT ANY PURCHASE DECISION MADE BY KENYANS SHOULD BE TAKEN IN LIGHT OF THESE FACTS. GOK DELEGATION WAS INFORMED THAT WE PLAN TO REQUEST FROM CONGRESS FMS CREDIT ASSISTANCE FOR KENYA WHICH THROUGH FY 1979 WOULD TOTAL DOLS. 45 MILLION, BUT THAT ACTUAL COMMITMENT OF FUNDS WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE ON AN ANNUAL BASIS, SUBJECT TO AUTHORIZATION AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS BY CONGRESS. EMBASSY SHOULD EXPLAIN FOREGOING TO GOK OFFICIALS IN ORDER TO PRECLUDE POSSIBLE FUTURE MISUNDERSTANDING REGARDING QUESTION OF FMS CREDIT ASSISTANCE FOR KENYAN MILITARY PURCHASES. GOK MUST BE PREPARED TO COVER ANY AMOUNT RESULTING FROM A DECISION BY CONGRESS NOT TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROPRIATE FMS CREDIT FUNDS SUFFICIENT TO COVER COST OF F-5E/F AIRCRAFT. PLEASE CONFIRM.

4. POSSIBLE PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL DOLS. 20 MILLION IN FMS CREDIT ASSISTANCE FOR F5E/F PURCHASE IS UNDER CONSIDERATION; HOWEVER, THIS SHOULD NOT BE DISCUSSED WITH KENYANS. KISSINGER

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